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Michigan Department of Agriculture Commission of Agriculture Kellogg Center, Michigan State University East Lansing, Michigan Meeting Minutes

March 8-9, 2000

**JOINT MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN COMMISSION OF AGRICULTURE AND THE NATURAL
RESOURCES COMMISSION – MARCH 8, 2000**

***ADDENDUM A – MINUTES OF THE MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION AND
COMMISSION OF AGRICULTURE***

ADJOURN

The joint meeting of the Michigan Natural Resources Commission and Commission of Agriculture adjourned at 8:55 p.m., on Wednesday, March 8, 2000.

RECONVENE – MARCH 9, 2000

PRESENT:

Shirley Skogman, Acting Chair and Secretary, Commission of Agriculture
Douglas Darling, Commission of Agriculture
Deanna Stamp, Commission of Agriculture
Dan Wyant, Director, Michigan Department of Agriculture

Absent:

James Maitland, Chair, Commission of Agriculture
Jordan Tatter, Vice-Chair, Commission of Agriculture

OTHERS PRESENT: *(All or part of the meeting):*

Ron Zellar, Assistant Attorney General
Michigan Department of Agriculture Staff
Dr. Margaret Benson, Michigan State University
Ernie Birchmeier, Michigan Farm Bureau
Ray Bollaert, Detroit Edison
Ann Louise Budd, Michigan Horse Council
Beverly Grunheid, Michigan Horse Council
Tom Guthrie, Michigan Integrated Food and Farming Systems
Dr. Eric Hanson, Michigan State University
Dr. Maynard Hogberg, Michigan State University
Vaughn Lewis, Tipton, Michigan
Ron Nelson, Michigan Farm Bureau
Jody Ross, Michigan Center for Rural Health
Nancy Struthers, Michigan Center for Rural Health

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Acting Chair Shirley Skogman called the meeting of the Commission of Agriculture to order at 8:40 a.m., on Thursday, March 9, 2000. Commissioner Skogman called the roll with Director Wyant and all Commissioners present, except for Commissioners Maitland and Tatter.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 9, 2000, MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: COMMISSIONER STAMP MOVED TO APPROVE THE MARCH 9, 2000, COMMISSION OF AGRICULTURE MEETING AGENDA AS PRESENTED. SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 8-9, 2000, MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: COMMISSIONER STAMP MOVED TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 8-9, 2000, COMMISSION OF AGRICULTURE MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting of the Commission of Agriculture will be held on Wednesday, April 12, 2000, in the Michigan Department of Agriculture Pridgeon Conference Room, 4th Floor, Ottawa State Office Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Lansing, Michigan, and Thursday, April 13, 2000. The business session will begin at 10:30 a.m. on April 12 and recess at approximately 5:00 p.m. A tour of various Michigan livestock operations will be held on April 13, 2000.

APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONERS' PER DIEM AND TRAVEL:

MOTION: COMMISSIONER STAMP MOVED TO APPROVE COMMISSIONER DARLING'S PER DIEM AND TRAVEL TO ATTEND THE FEBRUARY 15, 2000, MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION, LANSING, MICHIGAN, AND A MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN CORN GROWERS ON FEBRUARY 24, 2000, IN FRANKENMUTH, MICHIGAN. SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF DIRECTOR'S OUT OF STATE TRAVEL:

MOTION: COMMISSIONER DARLING MOVED TO APPROVE DIRECTOR WYANT'S TRAVEL TO ATTEND A MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE LEGISLATORS, MARCH 30-APRIL 1, 2000, IN DENVER, COLORADO. SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

Commissioner Deanna Stamp attended *the "Bovine Tuberculosis in Michigan, Conference 2000,"* held March 6-7, 2000, in Lansing, Michigan. The conference was sponsored by the Michigan departments of Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Community Health, Michigan State University Extension, and USDA. Attendance at the conference was very good and speakers included many national and international experts. She appreciated the exchange of good scientific information.

Commissioner Douglas Darling attended the Michigan Corn Growers meeting held in February. He said that many issues were discussed, such as ethanol and the importance of renewable fuels for the future at this well-attended meeting. Commissioner Darling also attended a public meeting held on the Right to Farm issue. One concern raised was the building code law. The law states that agriculture is not required to obtain building permits. This has created a lot of confusion and lack of communication between agriculture and townships. This is a situation that needs to be clarified because many are associating the law with Right to Farm. Commissioner Darling also the Michigan Farm Bureau Legislative Reception.

Commissioner Shirley Skogman reported that the Upper Peninsula weather has been highly unusual with above normal temperatures. She said that the deer are feeding on the winter crops in the field. High fuel prices are causing a great deal of concern among farmers. There is also concern in the Upper Peninsula about bovine tuberculosis and Michigan's status. TB testing and the baiting and feeding issue are concerns as well. Commissioner Skogman discussed the potato industry in Michigan and the difficulty it is facing for the future. She has talked with Ben Kudwa of the Michigan Potato Industry Commission. He said that he would appreciate an opportunity to discuss the situation with the Commission at a future meeting.

Commissioner Jordan Tatter submitted the following written comments:

Commissioner Tatter reported that unseasonable and record-breaking warm weather occurred during the last week of February. This has set up horticultural crops for early growth and potential spring frost/freeze injury. Snow melt and rains have helped on surface soil moisture, but on balance conditions are very dry and all the ice is gone so open waters are evaporating earlier than usual.

Commissioner Tatter participated in the following meetings and/or events:

- **Two Act 51 Transportation Study Committee meetings. Commissioner Tatter moderated a dispute resolution session with constituent groups.**
- **Director Wyant and Commissioner Tatter met with Representatives LaSata and Jelenik to discuss Michigan agricultural issues.**
- **Attended the Michigan State University sponsored "Political Leadership Program" dinner event held in Livonia.**
- **Participated in the Michigan Farm Bureau Legislative Seminar, along with Commissioner Darling.**
- **Presented a program to the Paw Paw Lake Area Rotary Club on Michigan agriculture, MDA, and food issues.**
- **Attended the Michigan Economic and Environmental Roundtable quarterly meeting.**
- **Attended the Agricultural Service Club meeting where Congressman Fred Upton addressed many agricultural issues. Commissioner Tatter provided him with a copy of the Commission of Agriculture Plum Pox Resolution.**
- **Participated in the final session of the MSU Southwest Michigan Research and Extension Center (SWMREC) strategic planning meeting.**
- **Attended a land use/Renaissance Zone meeting held in Watervliet. Representative LaSata and a staff person from Senator Gast's office, MDEQ, U.S. Department of Commerce, local economic developers and township officials also attended. Food processing is a potential for the zone.**
- **A live webcast/teleconference on Plum Pox was held at MSU/SMREC. Commissioner Tatter attended, along with local extension staff, peach growers, and several nursery sales people.**
- **Attended the Michigan Frozen Food Packers Association monthly meeting. Tom Power, director of Marketing and Sales for the Michigan Asparagus Advisory Board, was the speaker.**
- **Commissioners Tatter and Maitland attended the Tart Cherry Industry Strategic Planning Council meeting held in Grand Rapids to review the progress of the industry over the past three years, during which the Federal Marketing Order went into effect, and Cherrco was formed to coordinate pricing. The future of the tart cherry industry was discussed. Director Wyant spoke and outlined MDA support of the industry.**
- **Chaired the "Past Chairman' Past Presidents' Council of the International Association of Refrigerated Warehouses" and the World Food Logistics Organization held in San Diego, California, to discuss the impact of the Changing Food System on the industry.**
- **Spent four days at the Western Frozen Food Convention held in San Diego to kick off the processing/selling season. The convention is an annual event in California, with about 1,600 attendees.**

Commissioner Tatter expressed his congratulations to Dr. Chaddock for being honored by the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association as the recipient of the "Public Service Award." Dr. Chaddock has been a tireless leader on behalf of Michigan's animal agriculture. Commissioner Tatter stated Dr. Chaddock is most deserving of this recognition from his colleagues.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Dan Wyant

Director Wyant expressed his congratulations on behalf of the Commission to Dr. Michael Chaddock for receiving the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association's "Public Service Award."

TB Update: Dr. Chaddock said that the "Bovine Tuberculosis in Michigan 2000 Conference" held this week was a huge success. The conference is growing in attendance and participation every year and has truly become an international conference. Dr. Chaddock said it is important to realize that the TB situation in Michigan is much bigger than the state of Michigan, or northeastern Michigan, or an individual farm in Michigan. Michigan is being noticed and reviewed on what it is doing in this situation. More and more people realize, nationally and internationally, that this is a situation where they may need this expertise in the future.

The USDA bovine tuberculosis review team visited Michigan during February and spent time visiting with producers, veterinarians, DNR and MDA. The team visited northeast Michigan and did a thorough review of Michigan's program. A final report has been issued and USDA would like to visit with officials in the near future to review the report and discuss its recommendations.

Michigan's trading partners and USDA view this situation as a "whole state" issue. From the livestock perspective, statewide surveillance is needed to determine if there is bovine tuberculosis in Michigan's livestock species. MDA is working closely with the custom slaughter plants and reviewing the state's program to make improvements where needed. MDA is also traveling to the other states that receive Michigan's animals to talk about our program.

Dr. Chaddock said that a meeting with industry will be held this afternoon to discuss the following:

1) **Animal Identification:** MDA needs to identify where animals are located and is discussing implementing a requirement for animal identification and location. It is important for the state to know where animals originate and when they are relocated to another premises.

2) **Testing:** Testing statewide in two priority areas: dairy herds and high risk areas (those areas where TB has been found in wildlife). MDA is working with the Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service on premise location. USDA has been asked to provide additional resources to assist with testing. MDA has been visiting state universities, as well as other states, to recruit veterinarians. Dr. Chaddock said hiring has been difficult.

3) **Status:** Dr. Chaddock said that he is unsure of when USDA will change Michigan's status. Other states are pressuring USDA to change Michigan's status.

Commissioner Stamp asked if the change in Michigan's status would affect the Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO).

Director Wyant said that USDA does not have direct regulatory authority over milk safety. The regulatory authority falls under the Food and Drug Administration. All states participate in a national organization that develops a uniform standard called PMO. Director Wyant indicated that he would ask Katherine Fedder, director of the Food and Dairy Division to review the process.

Dr. Chaddock said that the goal is to have all cattle, goat and bison herds in non-established high risk areas be whole herd tested by January 1, 2003. USDA has indicated that it would like this to occur sooner. MDA/USDA is currently holding educational sessions for private practitioners who will be asked to participate in the testing.

Director Wyant reported that the Governor has announced a comprehensive plan to provide increased funding for statewide eradication and surveillance efforts. This will include the construction of a new Animal Health Diagnostic Laboratory at MSU. The Governor proposed a three-year \$20 million funding package to support statewide TB surveillance and eradication by MDA, DNR and Community Health. Director Wyant said the proposal includes \$14.5 million to support TB activities at MDA; \$4.5 million for DNR, and \$749,000 for the Department of Community Health. Governor Engler also is asking Michigan's Congressional delegation to support providing for additional federal resources. Director Wyant and others will be meeting with Michigan's Congressional delegation.

Tom Frazier of Senator Abraham's office informed the Commission that the Senator has sent a letter to the chair of the appropriations committee requesting additional funding in the amount of \$7.5 million

for bovine tuberculosis eradication and surveillance efforts.

Commissioner Darling asked if there are any indications on how Michigan's livestock industry has been affected by the bovine tuberculosis situation during the past year.

Dr. Chaddock responded that they are not aware of any dairy herds that have gone out of business because of bovine tuberculosis. Reports indicate that the number of feeder calves going to sales is lower. MSU has indicated that there is no data to indicate lower prices due to the TB issue. MSU is working closely with Michigan's livestock industry.

Director Wyant also added that he has talked with Michigan livestock industry representatives and MSU staff and has not been able to quantify a price difference or variation. He said that as a general characterization, Michigan is losing animal numbers, and TB has certainly added some stress to the situation.

Commissioner Stamp thanked Dr. Chaddock saying that she appreciates the incredible amount of work and education that has been done on this issue. She recommended that MDA issue a one-page information sheet, similar to that used in the quarantine area that explains to producers what to expect in the testing process. She also said it would be helpful for producers to know, for planning purposes, when the teams will be visiting a location.

Dr. Chaddock agreed with Commissioner Stamp and said that a one-page informational document or brochure would be available. He said it is difficult at this time to advise producers when a team will be visiting their location. However, once the schedules are set that information will be shared with producers.

Legislative Report: Brad Deacon distributed and reviewed the March 2000 Legislative Report. He said that he attended the public meetings held around Michigan to discuss the Right to Farm issue.

Commissioner Darling said that local units of government need to be made aware of where to refer Right to Farm complaints.

Director Wyant recognized Dr. William Taylor, Dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at MSU.

Dr. Taylor welcomed the Commission to MSU ANR Week and expressed his appreciation for the strong partnership between MDA and MSU.

UPDATE ON MSU TRADE STUDY TRIP TO CHILE/BRAZIL: Commissioner Doug Darling

Commissioner Darling participated in a MSU Trade Study Trip to Chile/Brazil in February. He will be providing a written report to the Commission in the future. He highlighted the following:

- He met with the Society of Agriculture in Chile; toured a farm where they were packaging table grapes for exportation; covered about 450 miles within Chile, and about 800 miles within Brazil.
- The climate, terrain and production agriculture in Chile is very similar to California, but on a much smaller scale. They specialize more in fruits, vegetables and wine. The labor is very cheap, between \$6.00 to \$8.00 per day. There is a tremendous amount of hand labor available.
- The cost of production in Brazil is considerably less than in the United States. There are millions of acres of soybeans. They have a much longer growing season, and smaller equipment because of the labor advantage. The efficiencies and profitability are competitive to U.S. at some of the larger operations.
- The government would like to open up about 60 million hectares in the Serato area for soybean production.

Commissioner Darling said the bottom line is low commodity prices globally and, whether it is in Chile/Brazil or the United States, many of the same issues and concerns are shared.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON GENERALLY ACCEPTED AGRICULTURAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

No public comment was received at today's meeting concerning Generally Accepted Agricultural Management Practices.

FINAL APPROVAL OF GENERALLY ACCEPTED AGRICULTURAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR CRANBERRY PRODUCTION: Dr. Eric Hanson, Michigan State University

MOTION: COMMISSIONER DARLING MOVED TO APPROVE THE GENERALLY ACCEPTED AGRICULTURAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR CRANBERRY PRODUCTION AS PRESENTED. SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FINAL APPROVAL OF GENERALLY ACCEPTED AGRICULTURAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR THE CARE OF FARM ANIMALS: Dr. Margaret Benson, Michigan State University

MOTION: COMMISSIONER STAMP MOVED TO APPROVE THE GENERALLY ACCEPTED AGRICULTURAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR THE CARE OF FARM ANIMALS AS PRESENTED. SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

1999 ANNUAL GAAMP REPORT: Wayne Whitman, Environmental Stewardship Division

Wayne Whitman of the Environmental Stewardship Division gave a slide presentation on the "Right to Farm Environmental Complaint Response Program for 1999." Since the inception of the program, MDA has responded to 1439 complaints, 11 were referred to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for enforcement action. Mr. Whitman highlighted the following information:

- The number of complaints by month is consistent from year to year and correlated closely with the intensity of farm work being performed and the level of outdoor recreational activities in nearby rural areas.
- Complaints were reported in 44 of Michigan's 83 counties in 1999, and were concentrated in the southern half of the Lower Peninsula. West Michigan accounts for a substantial number of new complaints each year. Thirty percent of all the new complaints in 1999 were in the seven-county area of Van Buren, Allegan, Ottawa, Kalamazoo, Kent, Barry, and Ionia counties.
- Close to 30 percent of all complaints in the past nine years have been in Barry, Kent, Ottawa, Allegan and Van Buren counties. The combination of many livestock farms and rapid urban encroachment into traditionally rural agricultural areas seem to contribute to the higher number of complaints in these counties.
- MDA staff verified 53 percent of the complaints received.

UPDATE ON GAAMP FOR SITE SELECTION AND ODOR CONTROL: Dr. Maynard Hogberg, Michigan State University

Dr. Maynard Hogberg of Michigan State University provided an update on the GAAMP for Site Selection and Odor Control. He said that the committee is meeting every two weeks and progress being made. A draft will be available for review at the Commission's April meeting, then it will be made available for public comment.

UPDATE ON THE EXPORT ADVISORY COUNCIL: Robert Craig and Paul Burke of the Office of Agriculture Development

Robert Craig of the Office of Agriculture Development reported that Director Wyant has appointed members to the Michigan Agriculture Export Advisory Council. The first meeting was held March 2, 2000, and the purpose and goals of the council were discussed. The council is advisory and not policy setting.

Paul Burke of the Office of Agriculture Development International Marketing Program reviewed the current resources and activities offered through the program:

- Reverse Trade Missions
- Michigan Pavilions at Trade Shows
- Trade Missions
- On-line Buyers Guide
- Random Inquiries
- Branded Market Access Program
- Generic Market Access Program
- MIATCO Distributor Development Program
- MIATCO Trade Show Plus
- Michigan International Market Development Grants
- USDA Resources
- Consulting Services
- Web Site
- Newsletters

He noted that a discussion was held at the meeting about why more Michigan firms do not participate in the program. Some felt that the programs were too bureaucratic and more in-house expertise was needed. It was recommended that one individual be responsible for visiting the firms and assisting in the development of paperwork and marketing plans, writing of the grants, and assist in the financial aspects.

Mr. Burke said that the next Council meeting would be held on May 17, 2000, at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Craig also said that the Governor announced that 12 Michigan food and agricultural organizations will share \$100,000 in Michigan International Market Development Export Grants. The grants are funded by an export appropriation from the Governor and Legislature with a stipulation that funds be used to leverage federal or private export assistance money. The grants were awarded to the Michigan Cherry Committee, Michigan Apple Committee, United Dairy Industries of Michigan, Cherry Central Cooperative, Inc., Michigan Grape and Wine Industry Council, Michigan Agricultural Commodity Marketing Association, Michigan Bean Commission, Michigan Cranberry Council, Michigan Potato Industry Commission, Michigan Integrated Food and Farm Systems, and the Michigan Vegetable Council.

UPDATE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LIVESTOCK AUCTION FUND: Barb Hensinger, Fairs, Exhibitions and Racing Division and Jeff Haarer of Finance and Technology Division

Barb Hensinger of the Fairs, Exhibitions and Racing Division updated the Commission on the Michigan State Fair Auction of Junior Livestock Champions. Jeff Haarer of the Finance and Technology Division noted that the Youth Livestock Scholarship Committee will be working with the Youth Livestock Auction Committee to provide scholarships and educational awards for youth livestock exhibitors at the Michigan State Fair and other Michigan fairs. At the 2000 Michigan State Fair educational awards would be given to the top ten junior and senior exhibitors from each species in a skill-a-thon competition, held prior to the auction. The fund will provide a vehicle for the Michigan State Fair and other Michigan fairs to provide educational awards and scholarship to exhibitors from livestock auction proceeds and charitable donations.

UPDATE OF THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN HEALTH CARE INITIATIVES: Dr. David Skjaerlund, Rural Development Council of Michigan, and Jody Ross, co-director of the Michigan Center for Rural Health

Dr. David Skjaerlund of the Rural Development Council of Michigan (RDCM) reported that the recent Land Use Conference, sponsored by 24 organizations, was very well attended. Many expressed their

appreciation for the forum and the information that was provided. He also noted that final plans are underway for the Ultimate Farmland Tour scheduled for March 30 through April 3, 2000. Approximately 200 people will travel to Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The Rural Development Council of Michigan will be holding its annual meeting on April 12-13, 2000.

Jody Ross, co-director of the Michigan Center for Rural Health discussed the need for and advantage of farmers and small businesses to participate in Michigan health care. Ms. Ross discussed the opportunity provided by RDCM for discussions with farmers about available health care initiatives. There is a need to provide health coverage for those children in rural Michigan who are not currently enrolled in health coverage programs. Michigan's children's health insurance program guarantees insurance for children by using different models. Ms. Ross is traveling from county to county, forming new partnerships, encouraging people to get involved and enrolled in the Medicaid expansion program, the Healthy Kids program, or the MI Child program. She said it is important to get ownership at the local level and bring everyone together to meet the needs of rural families.

UPDATE ON MICHIGAN'S HORSE INDUSTRY AND HORSE EXPO: Ann Louise Budd and Beverly Grunheid

Ann Louise Budd and Beverly Grunheid updated the Commission on the Michigan Horse Council activities. Ms. Budd said that R. J. Smith was named as the new president and, at a recent national association meeting, he was named to the national zoning and land use committee. She stressed the need to be involved at the local level on land use issues.

Ms. Budd said that the Council has just purchased the bicentennial wagon that will be used for special needs children. Plans are underway for a wagon train to travel from Lansing to Waterloo, Michigan, with camping along the way.

Ms. Budd and Ms. Grunheid said that the Council is seeking support from MDA and the Commission in the following areas:

- 1) Surveying Michigan horse owners to determine how many horses are located in the state and the names of their owners;
- 2) Support for the hiring of a MSU Extension veterinarian;
- 3) Dissemination of educational information about Lyme disease and the risk it poses to agricultural families.

UPDATE ON MICHIGAN INTEGRATED FOOD AND FARMING SYSTEMS: Tom Guthrie, Executive Director

Tom Guthrie, Executive Director of the Michigan Integrated Food and Farming Systems (MIFFS), distributed and reviewed information about MIFFS. He thanked the Commission and MDA for its support and discussed the accomplishments of the organization during the past year.

Current projects that are underway or in the proposal stage include the following:

- Marketline (funded by USDA Rural Development);
- Marketline II (funded by MDA, includes Ingham, Kent and Washtenaw counties);
- Edible Urban Forest (a two-year project funded by the USDA Forest Service);
- Groundwater Stewardship Program;
- George and Gladys Dunlap Award (funded by Nationwide Insurance Foundation for the development of the Clare County Cooperative Community Farmers Market);
- Michigan International Marketing Development Export Grant funded by MDA to research the feasibility of marketing Michigan value-added products on the Internet as part of the Cooperative Community Farmers Market in Clare County;

- A rural development funding request to support a complete feasibility study and to develop a business plan for a cooperative community farmers market in and around Clare County;
- A federal state marketing improvement request to allow for expansion of the feasibility study to include a marketing evaluation and development of E-commerce strategies to tap emerging foreign and/or domestic markets;
- A GREEN proposal for funding to be used as a planning grant in the development of a strategic marketing plan for Michigan grown food productions through local and regional based marketing campaigns, incorporating the use of the Select Michigan logo and program;
- A GREEN proposal that would demonstrate farmers' understanding of the importance of various plant materials in farm management.

MIFFS will be offering a grant writing workshop to assist farmers and farm marketers to find alternatives to develop new farming products or practices. The meetings will be held on March 21 in Gaylord and on March 22 at MSU.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ron Nelson of the Michigan Farm Bureau thanked Director Wyant for his efforts in obtaining additional funding for bovine tuberculosis eradication. He also said that he has attended the Right to Farm public meetings and hears unjust criticism about MDA. Most often the criticism deals with direct violation of existing law. More often than not, the violations are not reported and, therefore, MDA cannot respond until it is notified.

ADJOURN:

MOTION: COMMISSIONER STAMP MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 11:40 A.M. SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ATTACHMENTS:

The following documentation is on file in the Commission of Agriculture office and is available upon request:

Addendum A Meeting Minutes – Joint Meeting of the Michigan Commission of Agriculture and the Natural Resources Commission, March 8, 2000
Attachment A Commission of Agriculture February 8-9, 2000, Meeting Minutes
Attachment B Director's Report – March 2000
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Approved 4/13/00
Lansing, Michigan